



Goals for 2007

- Develop and implement active shooter scenario based training. Members of the department have attended this training, but it is vital to train the rest of the department in responding to active shooter situations.
- Complete the implementation of the paperless reporting system. This project impacts many facets of the department; bringing together the many systems involved is key to managing this project.
- Participate in regional training drills with neighboring jurisdictions.
- Expand leadership training to encompass all Department supervisors.



Year in Review

- Firearms' training was revamped this year with a new approach to realistic scenario based training. We will continue to expand on this new schedule as well as include the rapid response training in the schools on a regular basis.
- We held two Spanish courses this year with a total of 27 officers and dispatchers trained. We are presently reviewing the course to determine if the next best step is to continue with the introductory course, or build on the first course by putting the original 27 participants through an advanced course.
- Incident Command System training has been completed and we will maintain the on going requirements of FEMA.
- The use of the paperless reporting has begun. Bugs are still being worked out, and officers are being trained. The Crime Analysis software obtained with grant money is loaded and running with one license available for 5 users who have been trained. Another license will be purchased to increase the number of users to 10.

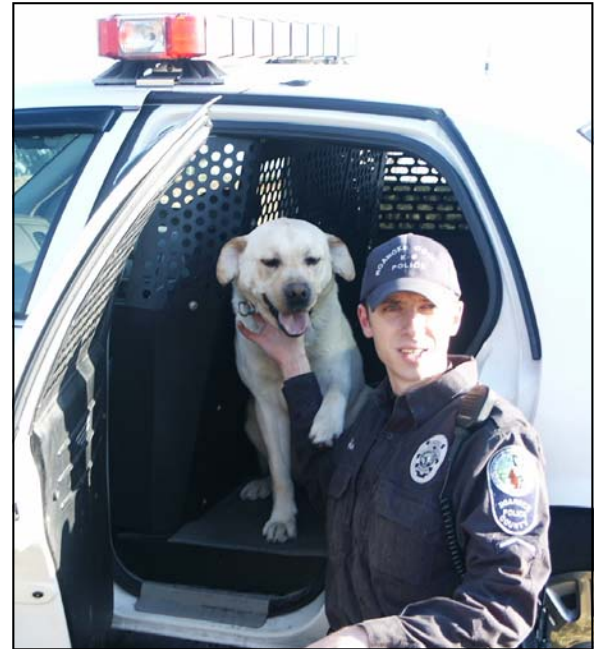




K9 Program

2006 was another exciting year for the Roanoke County Police Department's K9 Program. In October, the Department sent Officer J. N. Herron to Moore's K9 Training Center in Amelia County. Officer Herron trained with 6 dogs before choosing Zeke as his partner. Zeke is trained in narcotic detection with a passive response. He is able to search for Marijuana, Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Heroin and other derivatives of illegal drugs. He can also track lost subjects, like missing children or Alzheimer's patients.

Officer W.D. Campbell and Alto are still training and working as an explosives recognition team. K9 Lord was retired and now lives happily with his handler, Officer W.A. Breedlove with the Roanoke Police Department. 2007 is planning to be another big year for the K9 program and the Department is planning to send another officer to training and obtain another K9. With the new addition, the K9 program will be back up to full strength with three K9 teams.



The newest K9 Team:
Officer J. N. Herron and K9 Zeke



Accreditation

On August 12, 2006, three assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) arrived at the Roanoke County Police Department. These assessors interviewed Department staff, rode with officers, reviewed files and listened to members of the community. After spending four days making sure that the Department met all applicable national standards, a report was forwarded to Commissioners of CALEA. In November, members of

the accreditation team traveled to Reno, Nevada where they faced a panel of Commissioners and answered questions regarding how the Department meets the standards. The Commissioners then voted to reaccredit the Department for the fourth time.

The Department was first accredited in 1992, distinguishing itself as the first nationally accredited law enforcement agency in Southwestern Virginia. Being an accredited agency provides many benefits for the Police Department. Aside from being nationally recognized for excellence, the Department sees controlled liability costs, agency accountability and stronger defenses against lawsuits and complaints. Increased support from local government officials and the community is another benefit from accreditation. The Roanoke County Police Department has committed to maintaining a level of professionalism and dedication to the community it serves. This is shown through four successful accreditation periods.